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From: Barry <barry@bfclegg.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 5:14 PM
To: 'Jay Clark'
Cc: Redistricting2012
Subject: RE: [Mpls] Update on Redistricting in Minneapolis

Thanks Jay. On the North Loop issue, our first working draft was as you suggest. But the input we got from the 5th Ward folks was that they didn't want to be a "Poverty Ward" and wanted some of the business and relative wealth in the North Loop. I expect we'll hear to the contrary from the North Loop folks, so we'll see how it turns out.

Barry

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From: Jay Clark [<mailto:clark037@umn.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 10:38 AM
To: Barry Clegg
Cc: mpls@forums.e-democracy.org
Subject: Re: [Mpls] Update on Redistricting in Minneapolis

This looks like a remarkably fair and well-thought out map, although it is hard to grasp every twist and turn with one glance.

One suggestion: have ward five give up the western part of North Loop, and take in as much of the southern part of Harrison as possible.

Southern Harrison has a lot more in common with the rest of the north side than it does with Tony Bryn Mawr and Kenwood.

Just in case this change cannot be made, I have arranged that on the day these maps go into effect, every family in southern Harrison will be given a Volvo, Audi, or Toyota Prius, so they can go in traditional style to their ward caucus night.

And Sandra Hilary must be turning in her grave. The greasy spoon waitress turned mother superior of the 3rd ward is watching her former realm recede completely across the river.

Jay Clark

Barry Clegg wrote:

> The draft maps for Ward and Park District lines for consideration at the public hearings on February 29 and March 1 (locations and times on the Redistricting web page) have been posted at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/redistricting2012/WCMS1Q-068980>.

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> They include citywide maps (including a citywide map that compares existing wards to proposed new wards), ward maps and a statistical summary of demographic information. There is also an interactive citywide map that you can zoom in and out to see street level detail.

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- > You can submit your comments and suggestions at the public hearings or by email to Redistricting2012 at minneapolisismn dot gov .
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- > I also wanted to make a clarification. The map that several posters have commented on that puts Council Members Gordon and Schiff in the same ward is one map submitted by one citizen group. It is not the draft map proposed for comment by the Redistricting Group. We have received quite a few maps submitted by citizen groups, professional and amateur demographers and citizens. We encourage you to submit your own proposals and suggestions. I haven't done the analysis with respect to Council Member residences, but I'm sure some of the proposed maps we have received DO move lots of Council Members out of their existing Wards and some probably DON'T.
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- > I don't believe the draft map of the Redistricting Group moves any Council Members outside of their wards. Our goal is not to protect incumbents. We will move lines as necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Charter, other applicable law and the principles adopted by the Charter Commission, and ultimately that might mean we have two Council Members residing in the same ward. But if we are to move elected officials into different Wards or Districts, we want to be thoughtful about it and insure we are following the law and our own principles. We don't want to do so accidentally and certainly not for political reasons.
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